

Rochester Christian Reformed Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 3 – 10:00 AM

Ordinary Time

Prelude Prelude and Fugue in C Major, Op. 87 D. Shostakovich (1906-1975)

Preparing to Worship

“Worship the LORD in holy splendor.
Tremble before him, all the earth.”
[Psalm 96:9]

* Call to Worship

Leader: “Sing to the Lord a new song. Sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Sing to the Lord. Praise his name. Announce every day how he delivers.
Tell the nations about his splendor. Tell all the nations about his amazing deeds.
For the Lord is great and certainly worthy of praise; he is more awesome than all gods.
For all the gods of the nations are worthless, but the Lord made the sky.
Majestic splendor emanates from him; his sanctuary is firmly established and beautiful.”

[Psalm 96:1-6]

* Hymn “Sing to the Lord, Sing His Praise” #515

* Welcome and Greeting from God, affirmed by congregational **“Amen”**

Call to Confession

Leader: How blessed is the one whose rebellious acts are forgiven, whose sin is pardoned.
How blessed is the one whose wrongdoing the Lord does not punish, in whose spirit there is no deceit.
**All: When I refused to confess my sin, my whole body wasted away, while I groaned in pain
all day long.**

**For day and night you tormented me; you tried to destroy me in the intense heat of summer.
Then I confessed my sin; I no longer covered up my wrongdoing.
I said, “I will confess my rebellious acts to the Lord.”
And then you forgave my sins.**

[Psalm 32:1-6]

Prayer of Confession

**All: Lord God, eternal and almighty Father:
We acknowledge before your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and
in corruption, prone to do evil, unable of our own power to do good.
Because of our sin, we endlessly violate your holy commandments.
But, O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and turn away from all our offenses.
We condemn ourselves and our evil ways, with true sorrow asking that your grace will relieve**

our distress.

Have compassion on us, most gracious God, Father of mercies, for the sake of your son Jesus Christ our Lord.

And in removing our guilt, also grant us daily increase of the grace of your Holy Spirit, and produce in us the fruits of holiness and of righteousness pleasing in your sight:

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* Assurance of Pardon

Minister: God is the one who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not based on our works but on his own purpose and grace, granted to us in Christ Jesus before time began, but now made visible through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus. He has broken the power of death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel! [2 Timothy 1:9-10]

* The Peace

Minister: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

ALL: And also with you.

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Joshua 2

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Proclamation

"God's Secret Agent"

Prayer of Application

* Hymn

"Spirit of the Living God"

#749

The Lord's Supper

Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Minister: Holy and right it is and our joyful duty...

Minister: With your whole church on earth and with all the company of heaven we worship and adore your glorious name.

ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

Affirmation of Faith

Minister: Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

ALL: Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

Hymn

"O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts"

#823, verses 1 and 2

Silent meditation and prayer

Hymn

"O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts"

#823, verses 3-5

Silent meditation and prayer

* Lord's Prayer (standing)

ALL: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Congregational Prayer

Offertory (Psalm 96:7-8)

"Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the nations,

ascribe to the LORD splendor and strength.

Ascribe to the LORD the splendor he deserves.

Bring an offering and enter his courts."

* Hymn

"Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God"

Hymn #953

* God's Blessing, affirmed by congregational **"Amen"**

Postlude

Toccata in C

J.P. Sweelinck (1562-1621)

Leading Us in Worship Today:

Minister: Rev. Richard Loerop

Organist: Ryan Chan

Liturgist: Daphne Wang

Congregational Song Leader: Jackie Dykshoorn-Fenton

Children's Message: Bethany Miller

Offertory Deacon: Sam Miller

Congregational Prayer: Jeff Harp

Resources for Worship: Prayer of Confession, John Calvin, The Strasbourg Liturgy (1545)

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